

4B GRAMMAR adding emphasis (1): inversion

- a Read these people's online reviews. Complete the comments with a word from the list.

again but hardly never no not only rarely scarcely ~~sooner~~ until when

Restaurant reviews



Fantastic service! No ¹ *sooner* had we sat down at our table than we were offered a drink.



² _____ only did the organic vegetable lasagna look good, it was absolutely delicious too!



Hardly had we finished our starters ³ _____ the waiter brought us our main courses. It was almost as if they wanted us to leave quickly!

Books



⁴ _____ have I read such a gripping book. I just couldn't put it down!



⁵ _____ when I compared the original to the translated version did I see just how bad the translation really was.



⁶ _____ had I finished the first book before I wanted to buy the sequel.

Hotels



Not only were our rooms not available when we arrived ⁷ _____ there was also nowhere to leave our luggage.



⁸ _____ had I gone to sleep when the music from the hotel bar below woke me up. Not good when you have jet lag.



Not ⁹ _____ you stay at this hotel do you really understand the meaning of the word 'luxury'. 10/10.

Films



¹⁰ _____ have I seen such a moving film. There are only a few that can compare.



Never ¹¹ _____ will I watch a Ridley Scott film online. You really need to go to the cinema to appreciate the special effects.



¹² _____ sooner had the film started than the person sitting behind us gave away the ending.

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- b Write a short review (just a paragraph) for an online website about a restaurant / book / hotel / film experience you have had. In your paragraph, use one or two negative adverbial expressions followed by inversion to emphasize your point.